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Attached is the list of Committee Chairmen to be called on the proposed briefings ok'd for now by Admiral Turner." The list is correlated with the basic listing, which is also attached as an aid for the calls.

In each case where a Subcommittee is involved, it is recommended that Admiral Turner first call the Chairman of the full Committee, both as a courtesy and to give the Chairman the option of calling together the full Committee for the briefing.

The members asterisked on the list are x also members of CIA related Subcommittees.

Admiral Turner wants to call Dr. Schlesinger before he calls on ERDA related briefings. As instructed by Admiral Turner, once the sessions are firmed up, we will assure that the concerned Executive department is invited to hear the briefing before it is given.

Please note the notes included on the list.

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1. Soviet and Chinese Space Programs

Committee: Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Chairman: Warren Magnuson (Phone: 224-2621)

Subcommittee: Science and Space

*Chairman: Adlai Stevenson (Phone: 224-2854) Members: Ford, Long, Hollings, Zorinsky,

Riegle, Schmitt, *Goldwater,

Griffin

Committee: House Science and Technology

Chairman: Olin Teague (Phone: 225-2002)

Subcommittee: Transportation, Aviation and Weather

*Chairman: Dale Milford (Phone: 225-3605) Members: Lloyd (Calif.), Roe, Glickman,

Ambro, Tonry, Fuqua, Wydler,

Rudd, Goldwater

Committee: Senate Appropriations

*Chairman: John McClellan (Phone: 224-2353)

Subcommittee: HUD--Independent Agencies

*Chairman: William Proxmire (Phone: 224-5653)

Members: *Stennis, *Bayh, *Huddleston,

Leahy, Sasser, *Mathias, *Case.

· Brooke, Bellmon

2. Foreign Civil Air Developments

Committee: Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Chairman: Warren Magnuson (Phone: 224-2621)

Subcommittee: Aviation

*Chairman: Howard Cannon (Phone: 224-6244)

Members: *Inouye, *Stevenson, Zorinsky,

Melcher, *Stevens, *Goldwater.

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Committee: House Science and Technology

Chairman: Olin Teague (Phone: 225-2002)

Subcommittee: Transportation, Aviation and Weather

*Chairman: Dale Milford (Phone: 225-3605) Members: Lloyd (Calif.), Roe, Glickman,

Ambro, Tonry, Fuqua, Wydler,

Rudd, Goldwater

3. The Impact of Fishing Zone Regulations

Committee: House Merchant Marine and Fisheries

Chairman: John M. Murphy (Phone: 225-3371)

Subcommittee: Coast Guard

Chairman: Mario Biaggi (Phone: 225-2464)

Background for Coast Guard authorization.

Subcommittee: Fisheries and Wildlife

Chairman: Robert Leggett (Phone: 225-5716)

Oceanography

Chairman: John Breaux (Phone: 225-2031)

Joint hearings on Aquaculture Bill.

Subcommittee: Merchant Marine

Chairman: John M. Murphy (Phone: 225-3371)

Maritime Administration authorization.

Subcommittee: Fisheries and Wildlife,

Chairman: Robert Leggett (Phone: 225-5716)

Hearings on tuna.

Hearings on Commercial Fisheries R&D Act.

Committee: Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation

Chairman: Warren Magnuson (Phone: 224-2621)

Subcommittee: Merchant Marine and Tourism

*Chairman: Daniel Inouye (Phone: 224-3934)
Members: Magnuson, Long, Griffin, *Stevens

Committee: House International Relations Chairman: Clement Zablocki (Phone: 225-4572) Subcommittee: International Organizations Chairman: Don Fraser (Phone: 225-4755) STAT

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The Soviet Hard Currency Debt

Committee: Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

*Chairman: William Proxmire (Phone: 224-5653)

Members: Sparkman, Williams, *McIntyre, Riegle,

Cranston, *Stevenson, *Morgan, Sarbanes,

Tower, Brooke, *Garn, Heinz, *Lugar,

Schmitt

NOTE: Hearings scheduled to begin 3 May 1977, not 3 March as earlier reported.

The World Economic Outlook for 1977

Committee: Joint Economic

Chairman: Richard Bolling (Phone: 225-4535)

Vice Chairman: Hubert Humphrey (Phone: 224-3244)

Members: Sparkman, *Proxmire, Ribicoff, Bentsen,

Kennedy, Javits, Roth, McClure, Hatch, Reuss, Moorhead, Hamilton, G. Long, Pike,

Clarence Brown, Garry Brown, Heckler,

Rousselot

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9. Technology Transfer

Technology Assessment Board (of the Office of Technology Assessment) Ch: Sen. Kennedy Ph: 224-4543

NOTE: The Office of Technology Assessment was created by PL 92-484, 1972. It consists of a Congressional Board (6 Senators, 6 Representatives). Their next meeting is 23 March 1977. They meet on neutral ground, Room EF-100, Capitol. Attached is a Summary of the OTA Act.

I suggest an initial call to Chairman Kennedy suggesting that we present to the Board a briefing on Technology Transfer and indicating that such a briefing might have immediate value as input to the OTA program of Technology and World Trade. Stress that we wish to brief the entire Board (so that we don't get side-tracked into briefing just the OTA staff). Indicate that, as a next step, we will call the Director of OTA, "Mim" Daddario (ex-Congressman from Conn.) to convey "Kennedy's wishes" and "work out the details." Daddario has been in touch with the Agency....has briefed the DDS&T Career Course.... appears interested in our product. Our most recent inquiry from OTA was related to their Nuclear Proliferation Program.

Board members are: Kennedy, Chairman Holt
Hollings Teague
Humphrey Udall
Case Miller (Ohio)
Schweiker Winn
Stevens Geo. Brown

Summary of the Act 2

The Technology Assessment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-484) establishes an Office of Technology Assessment for the Congress as an aid in the identification and consideration of existing and probable impacts of technological application. The bill also amends the National Science Foundation Act of 1950.

Purpose. The purpose of the legislation is to provide a new and effective means for Congress to secure competent, unbiased information concerning the physical, biological, economic, social, and political effects of the increasingly extensive and larger applications of technology. This information is then to be used as one factor in the decisionmaking process in the legislative branch, particularly in those areas where Congress must manage or regulate technological applications.

As created by the legislation, the Office of Technology Assessment is an agency within and responsible to the legislative branch of the Government. Prior to the establishment of OTA, the General Accounting Office was the last legislative office created by Congress; it was established in 1921.

The basic function of the Office is to provide "early indications of the probable beneficial and adverse impacts of the applications of technology and to develop other coordinate information which may assist the Congress." Eight specific activities are listed below which are identified in the legislation as the means to carrying out this function. The Office shall:

- (1) identify existing or probable impacts of technology or technological programs;
 - (2) where possible, ascertain cause-and-effect relationships;
- (3) identify alternative technological methods of implementing specific programs;
 - (4) identify alternative programs for achieving requisite goals;
- (5) make estimates and comparisons of the impacts of alternative methods and programs;
- (6) present findings of completed analyses to the appropriate legislative authorities:
- (7) identify areas where additional research or data collection is required to provide adequate support for the assessments and estimates described above;
- (8) undertake such additional associated activities as the appropriate authorities specified below may direct.

² See Appendix A for the complete text of the Technology Assessment Act.

Section 3 in the Technology Assessment Act notes that assessments may be undertaken by the Office upon the request initiated by the chairman of any standing, special, select, or joint committee of Congress, acting for himself or at the request of the ranking minority member or a majority of the committee members. The Board itself may initiate assessments, and the Director, in consultation with the Board, also has this authority.

Assessments made by the Office, including all background and supplementary information, shall be made available to the initiating committee or other appropriate committees of the Congress. These supporting studies may also be made available to the public except in those instances where to do so would violate security statutes or the exceptions noted in the Freedom of Information Act (U.S.C., Title 5, section 552(b)).

The Board

The Board, which is responsible for formulating the overall policies of OTA, selects a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from among its members at the beginning of each Congress. Both these officers alternate between the Senate and the House of Representatives with each Congress. During the even-numbered Congresses, the Chairman is selected by the members from the House of Representatives on the Board, and during the odd-numbered Congresses, by the Senate members of the Board. The Vice Chairman during each session is chosen in the same manner, but shall not be from the same House of Congress as the Chairman. The Board has the power to issue subpoenas upon the vote of a majority of its members.

Executive Officers. The officials of the Office of Technology Assessment are defined in section 5 of the legislation. The Director of the Office is the chief executive; he is appointed by the Board for a term of 6 years, unless sooner removed by the Board. He receives basic pay at the rate provided for level III of the Executive Schedule (this is comparable in level to, for example, the Solicitor General of the United States, Under Secretaries of most Cabinet-level Departments, and the Chairmen of the Federal Power and Federal Trade Commissions). The Director has the authority to exercise his statutory powers and duties and may exercise such additional powers and duties as may be delegated to him by the Board. With the approval of the Board, the Director appoints a Deputy Director whose rank is at level IV of the Executive Schedule (this is the equivalent level of Assistant Secretaries of the Departments of the Executive Branch and members of regulatory commissions).

Authority. The Office has the authority, within the limits of available appropriations, to do all things necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. This authority includes the right to seek advice

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TO:

Attached is the revised list of the proposed intelligence briefings for various congressional committees, in response to your note of 3 March 1977. It is similar to the other list we provided you but goes further by indicating the specific current legislative interest which prompted us to recommend the briefing in question.

Deputy Legislative Counsel

Attachment



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PROPOSED BRIEFINGS

Issue

: Soviet and Chinese Space Programs--

an examination of on-going military and non-military programs as well as a look at trends for the future.

Classification

Top Secret Codeword

Customers/Relevance:

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Science and Space/Background for NASA

authorization, S.365, 9 March 1977

House Science and Technology/Background for NASA and FAA authorizations before Subcommittee on Transportation.

Aviation and Weather

Senate Appropriations: HUD - Independent Agencies/ Background for NASA budget hearings, 22 March 1977

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Issue

Foreign Civil Air Developments--

a review of what the USSR, China, and others are doing in civil aviation both as domestic and international carriers; would include an idea of the trends we see ahead. We also can discuss the importance of air

transport programs in other areas i

and the impact of US competition, but would prefer not to try discussing world-wide civil air-the subject is too big for convenient briefing format.

Classification

Secret

Customers/Relevance:

Senate Commerce, Science, and Technology Subcommittee on Aviation/Background for Subcommittee on Aviation hearings on bills proposing regulatory reform in air

transportation industry, 21 March 1977.

House Science and Technology Committee/Background for FAA authority before Subcommittee on Transportation,

Aviation and Weather

Providing Offices:

OER and OSI

3. Issue The Impact of Fishing Zone Regulations--

an examination of the economic, dietary, and enforcement problems, particularly in an increasingly hungry world.

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Classification : Secret

Customers/Relevance: House Merchant Marine and Fisheries/Background for

US Coast Guard authority hearings, 29 March 1977 to reflect impact of 200 mile limit/Background for hearings on Aquaculture Bill, HR 18-33, 25-28 March 1977/Background for Maritime Administration authority, 21 March 1977/Background for hearings on International Convention on Atlantic Tuna, 23 March 1977/Background for hearings on Commercial Fisheries R&D Act, 29

March 1977.

Senate Commerce Science and Technology/Briefing on 200 mile limit should appeal to Senator Magnuson, Chairman, of Committee and original sponsor of S.200.

Providing Offices : OER & OGCR

4. Issue : The Soviet Hard Currency Debt--

a looking at the problems the Soviets face in making purchases in the West and the steps they are taking to alleviate the situation; also the impact on Soviet

acquisition of plants and equipments.

Classification : Secret

Customers/Relevance: Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs/Background

for Oversight hearings on US monetary policy,

3 March 1977

Providing Office : OER

5. Issue : The World Energy Situation--

the status of fossil fuel reserves and production with a review of US energy sources now and over the next few years; problems facing both the developed and underdeveloped nations: pricing and its economic

underdeveloped nations; pricing and its economic impact; the cohesivenss of OPEC; other energy sources

now and in the future.

Classification : Secret

Customers/Relevance: Senate Energy and Natural Resources/Background for ERDA

authorization hearings before Subcomittee on Energy Research and Water Resources, 9, 16 & 22 March 1977.

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House Science and Technology Committee/Background for ERDA authorization, markup scheduled 9 March 1977.

Major issue facing committee is whether

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eliminated US breeder reactor program. Briefing should

be expanded to cover this topic.

Providing Office : OER

6. Issue

The Soviet Merchant Marine--

a detailed examination of fleet composition, missions,

construction, and trends.

Classification

Secret

Customers/Relevance:

House Merchant Marine and Fisheries/Background for Maritime Policy Oversight hearings, 14 March 1977/ Background for Maritime Administration authorization

hearings, 21 March 1977.

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7. Issue

Key Foreign Positions on the Law of the Sea-an examination of major points at issue in the negotiations and where the key players stand on them.

Classification

: Secret

Customers/Relevance:

House Merchant Marine and Fisheries/Background for hearings on Seabed Mining Act, 17-18 March. Comment: Congressman Breaux presently in Geneva to discuss LOS. Can expect Oversight hearings soon after 15 May

First Budget Resolution.

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: OGCR

8. Issue

: The World Economic Outlook for 1977--

the impact of inflation, higher oil prices, trade, and various other factors on the economies of the developed West, the Communist bloc, and the LDCs with a forecast of economic conditions for the rest

of the year.

Classification

: Secret

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Customers/Relevance: Joint Economic/Background for hearings to be held

some time May 1977 on world economic situation.

Providing Office : OER

9. Issue : Technology Transfer--

Soviet and Chinese efforts to acquire advanced

technology in the West.

Classification : Top Secret Codeword

Customers/Relevance: Technology Assessment Board of Office of Technology

Assessment/OTA has begun a new program to study the impact of technology transfer on international trade. A briefing of the Technology Assessment Board would include the following members: Kennedy, Chairman; Hollings, Humphrey, Case, Schweiker, Stevens, Holt,

Teague, Udall, Miller (Ohio), and Wynn. Such a

briefing would hit a diverse group.

Providing Offices : OSI and OER

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MEMORANDUM	FOR:	Legislative	Counsel		
FROM:				<u></u>	

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- 1. Admiral Turner would like to have a list of subjects on current intelligence to brief the various Congressional Committees. What they are working on NOW that we could help with. We can brief the long-time general interest items later.
- 2. He would like a priority list of the calls he should make on the Hill. He has already made many calls, and doesn't want to repeat them until the ones he has missed are covered.

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